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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: KOREAN ITEM AT THE NON-ALIGNED
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1. THE CORE GROUP ON KOREA WAS CALLED TOGETHER JULY 26
BY KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHYUN SANG-JIN (COVENER) TO DISCUSS
THE SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH AND THE STRATEGY FOR
FOLLOW-UP WITH THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT. THE AMBASSADORS
OR CHARGES OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED:
AUSTRALIA, CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, KOREA, NETHERLANDS,
NEW ZEALAND, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES.

2. AMBASSADOR CHYUN BEGAN BY SUMMARIZING HIS GOVERNMENT'S
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VIEWS ON THE MALAYSIAN POSITION AND A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH

FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE FORTHCOMING COLOMBO MEETING. THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE GOM HAD RESPONDED WELL TO THE CORE GROUP COUNTRIES' REQUESTS THAT IT SPEAK OUT FOR A MODERATE POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE NACC MEETING IN ALGIERS. THE GOM HAD OPPOSED THE HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE LANGUAGE ADVOCATED BY NORTH KOREA AND ITS FRIENDS, AND WHILE THE FINAL RESOLUTION ON KOREA WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE ROKG, IT WAS CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. HIS GOVERNMENT WAS SATISFIED AND PLEASED WITH THE GOM PERFORMANCE.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL ZAKARIA HAD TOLD HIM RECENTLY THAT MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA HAD AGREED TO FOLLOW THE SAME MODERATE LINE AT COLOMBO. THE GOM WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THE KOREAN QUESTION SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF THIS YEAR'S SESSION OF THE UNGA. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR ASKED HOW HARD WE COULD EXPECT THE GOM TO FIGHT FOR THIS POSITION. THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE DIDN'T EXPECT MALAYSIA AND OTHER MODERATES TO STAND AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS. THEY HOPED THAT ABOUT TWENTY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA, WOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AND HOPED THAT HALF THAT NUMBER WOULD OFFER WRITTEN RESERVATIONS. THIS MUCH OPPOSITION HE FELT WOULD HAVE A DECIDEDLY HELPFUL EFFECT IN ENCOURAGING MODERATION IF THE ISSUE DOES COME TO THE UNGA THIS FALL. MALAYSIA, HE WENT ON, HAS MADE IT CLEAR IT WOULD NOT REGARD ITSELF BOUND BY ANY DECISIONS OF THE COLOMBO SUMMIT.

4. I WAS THEN ASKED TO SPEAK ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH. (COPIES OF THE KOREAN PORTION OF THE SPEECH HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO ALL OF THE CORE GROUP MEMBERS OVER THE WEEKEND.) I SAID I HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN, ENCLOSING THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH, DRAWING HIS ATTENTION TO THE SECTION ON KOREAN, AND ASKING FOR MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT IN PERSUADING THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM TO ABANDON POLEMICS AND ENTER INTO CONCRETE TALKS TO RESOLVE IT.

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5. AMBASSADOR CHYUN SAID THAT HE HAD, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SEEK GOM SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WHICH HAS GOVERNMENT HAD ENDORSED ON JULY 22. HE THEN ASKED FOR VIEWS OF THE CORE GROUP ON STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT THIS DEMARCHE. FROM THE ENSUING GENERAL DISCUSSION THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS EMERGED.

A. MALAYSIA WAS PREPARED TO DO ABOUT AS MUCH AS

COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED IN SUPPORT OF AN EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO THE KOREAN QUESTION.

B. THE VIEWS OF THE CORPS GROUP COUNTRIES HAD BEEN EXPRESSED PRIOR TO THE ALGIERS MEETING AND A SECOND SERIES OF DEMARCHES WERE UNNECESSARY AND POTENTIALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

C. SINCE THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HAD OFFERED A NEW PROPOSAL, AN AMERICAN DEMARCHE IN SUPPORT OF THE KOREAN APPROACH WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE. THE OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INFORMAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INDICATE TO GOM OFFICIALS THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE.

6. I INTEND, AS SOON AS THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS SET, TO CALL ON THE FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL AND MAKE AN ORAL PRESENTATION IN SUPPORT OF THE KOREAN DEMARCHE.
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